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PARIS FOR EMBASSY, USRO, USCINCEUR, THURSTON AND WEST  
BONN'S 1170 TO DEPT

FONOFF HAS REPORT FROM PARIS ABOUT FRENCH THINKING ON  
THREE AND FOUR POWER COORDINATION ON BERLIN QUESTION  
ALONG SAME LINES AS FIRST PARAGRAPH PARIS 2065 TO DEPT.  
BRITISH REPORT QUOTED COUVE AS SAYING HE OPPOSED QUADRI-  
PARTITE GROUP IN BONN COORDINATING REPLY TO SOVIETS SINCE  
"DID NOT WANT DO APPEAR TO BE LED AROUND BY NOSE BY  
GERMANS". FONOFF OFFICIAL SAID BRITISH STRONGLY DISSENT  
AND CONSIDER COOPERATION WITH GERMANS IN PREPARATION  
OF REPLY ESSENTIAL FROM OUTSET WHETHER WORK DONE IN WASHINGTON  
OR BONN. BRITISH CONTINUE PREFER BONN. FONOFF OFFICIAL  
SPOKE IN ALMOST SAME TERMS LAST PARAGRAPH BONN'S REFTL  
INDICATING NO NEED FOR HASTE IN PREPARATION DRAFT REPLY  
AND EMPHASIZING IMPORTANCE FONMINS LAY DOWN GUIDE  
LINES FOR PREPARATION OF REPLY.

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